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TITLE: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MACHINING CONNECTING RODS,  
AND CONNECTING RODS SO PRODUCED

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Respectfully submitted,

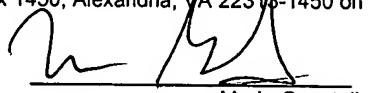
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2) Copy of European Search Report

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	5716145	2/1998	Eidenbock, et al. (English counterpart of WO 952 85 73)			
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	AN	EP1036622	9/2000	European (w/English Abstract)				
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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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